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FOR ENDERS ONLY FROM BREMER

1. THE SECRETARY NOTED A REUTER REPORT DATED NOVEMBER 20 WHICH INDICATED THAT YOU HAD TOLD A LUNCHEON IN PARIS THAT THE ENERGYCONFERENCE MIGHT BE DELAYED. IT IS NOT CLEAR FROM THE REPORT IF THAT IS INDEED WHAT YOU SAID OR IF IT WAS A REPORTER'S EMBELLISHMENT. IN EITHER CASE, HOWEVER, THE SECRETARY ASKS THAT YOU REFRAIN FROM FURTHER SPECULATION ABOUT THE POSSIBLE DELAY SINCE THIS KIND OF STORY CAN ONLY HURT US WITH THE BRITISH AND OF COURSE THE FRENCH.

2. YOUR MESSAGE TO ZARB (REFTEL) ALSO CREATED SOME PROBLEMS. THE SECRETARY HAS OFTEN JOKINGLY SAID THAT HE
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IS FREQUENTLY THE LAST PERSON IN TOWN TO LEARN WHAT COURSE

OF ACTION HIS ASSOCIATES ARE RECOMMENDING TO HIM. LESS
HUMOROUSLY, HE HAS SAID HE SHOULD BE ABLE TO RECEIVE HIS
COLLEAGUES' VIEWS ON MATTERS PRIVATELY WITHOUT ALL THE
BUREAUCRATIC PLAYERS IN TOWN KNOWING WHAT IS BEING
RECOMMENDED. HE FEELS, NOT UNJUSTIFIABLY, THAT MESSAGES

SUCH AS THE REFERENCED CABLE TEND TO RESTRICT HIS
BUREAUCRATIC MANEUVERABILITY. I KNOW YOU WILL
APPRECIATE AND UNDERSTAND THE PROBLEM.
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